

## Fellowship: All-Age Talk

The aim is to demonstrate that we are better when we unite together.

You will need:

- two tables (one long trestle would be OK)
- two sets of Jenga blocks
- a timer (stopwatch, phone or just a clock)

Set out the tables at the front of the congregation, with a loose pile of blocks on each. If using one long table, place the blocks at each end.

Ask for volunteers. You will need one person to act as time-keeper and then two teams of at least two people per team.

Say, "You have two minutes to build the tallest tower that you can"

Be very careful NOT to give the impression that the team with the tallest tower will win.

The time-keeper starts them off, tells them when one minute is up and then when two minutes are up. You could encourage the congregation to cheer on the builders.

There are two possible outcomes:

- The most likely is that the teams will compete. Tell them they've both done very well, but ask everyone if they can think of a way they could have done even better. The answer, of course, is that they could have combined together. The instruction simply asked for the tallest tower, not that the team who built the tallest tower would win.
- It's possible that the teams will combine and work together. You can congratulate them on their wisdom as well as their tall tower, which will be taller than if they'd made two separate ones.

The big idea is that when we collaborate together and set aside pride and jealousy, we can achieve much more than we can individually, and it honours God too.

In the days of the first Christians, we read that they devoted themselves to the fellowship. In other words, they were committed to be together. Because of that, the Holy Spirit could do amazing things through them and Jesus could grow his church.

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